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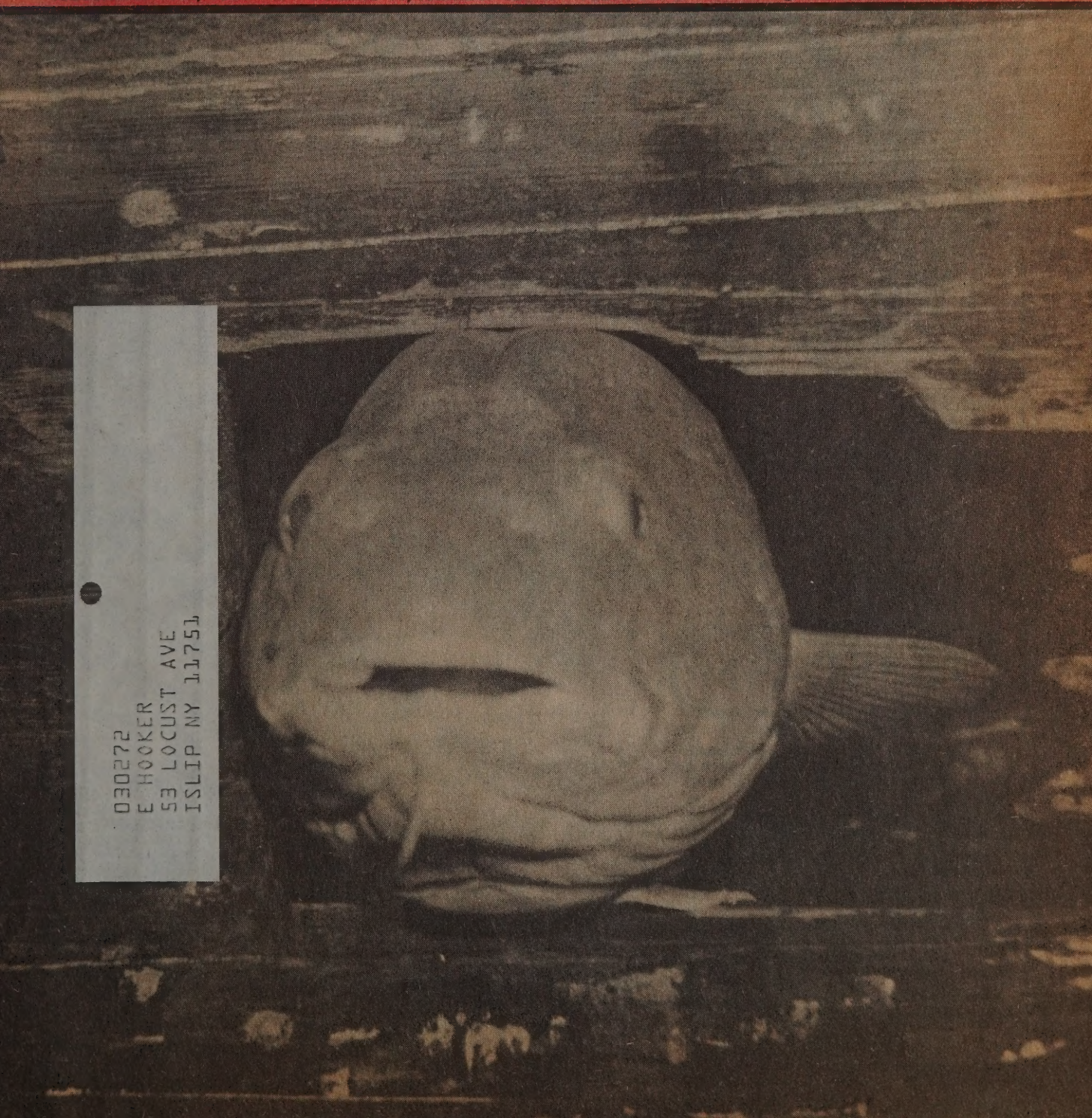

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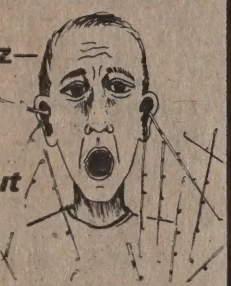

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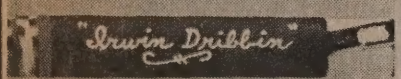

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GORDON APPOINTED ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

William G. Gordon has been appointed Assistant Administrator for Fisheries in the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), it was announced today by NOAA Administrator Dr. John V. Byrne.

Gordon, who has held various fishery research and management positions during the past 25 years, directed the Resource Conservation and Managment office within the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) since 1979, and prior to that was Regional Director of the NMFS Northeast Region in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

NOAA's Office of Fisheries manages and conserves the fishery resources within 200 miles of the U.S. Coast; protects vital habitats, and whales and other marine mammals; oversees programs to assist the economic development of the U.S. fishing industry; and conducts research to support these activities.

A native of Pennsylvania, Gordon holds an M.S. in Fisheries from the University of Michigan and a B.S. in Zoology from Mt. Union College

He has fished commercially on the Great Lakes, other inland waters, and the North Atlantic. He is an avid camper, hunter, boater, recreational fisherman, and conservationist.

STORED FISH CAN TASTE FRESH

This coming winter, when you're tired of eating ham, turkey, and all the other traditional holiday dishes, consider how good a plate of fresh fish would taste. Impossible to have, you say! Not really. if you follow some time-tested fish storage tips, and put away some of the fish you'll be catching this fall.

The first concern in keeping fresh taste in fish is to clean them as soon as they're caught. Remove the head, gills and viscera, rinse the body cavity and place the fish on ice as soon as possible.

When you return home, finish cleaning by removing the scales or the skin, whichever you prefer. Also, wash the body cavity thoroughly. Then place the fish in a deep crockery dish (not metal) with water to cover in which a teaspoon of salt has been dissolved. Put this in a refrigerator to soak overnight. This part of the procedure is often neglected but, according to Mercury outboards' fishing department, it will assure good taste later.

The next day rinse the fish under a water tap and place them in plastic bags or containers filled with fresh water. Put these into the freezer.

When you're hungry for fresh fish, remove the container from the freezer a day ahead of time and allow it to thaw in a refrigerator. Dry the fish with a cloth before frying or broiling them. Prepared, stored and cooked this way, fish will retain its flavor and will be just as good to eat as it was when first caught.

LURE COLORS

Fish can be exasperating when it comes to colors. One day they'll strike only green-colored lures. Next day, green lures are out and red ones are popular, or at least it seems that way. No one knows why fish prefer one color of lure over another, but their whimsical choices make it tough on fishermen.

Most fish see color but it appears different in their environment. Water acts as a filter, absorbing light rays and changing their color. The warm colors (red, orange, yellow) are the first to disappear in water. At a depth of 25', red-colored lures appear gray and the other warm colors are fading fast. At this same depth, the cool colors (blues and greens) retain much of their hue and brightness.

Although fishermen choose lures because of their colors, they often overlook the fact that fishing line is visible to fish, too. There is no such thing as a completely invisible line, according to Mercury Outboards' fishing experts. The nearest thing, they say, is clear monofilament line which turns blue in water. The trouble is, clear line is difficult for fishermen to see.

The best alternative to clear line is to fill your fishing reel with fluorescent blue monofilament line. It's highly visible in the air, yet blends with blue sky and becomes almost invisible when viewed from under the surface of a lake or stream.

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The advanced digital technology and built-in protected memory permit accurate sounding of depths as shallow as 1/2 fathom. And, of

course, the FE-881 has all the professional features such as tunable STC and TVG, white line control, choice of readout units, four frequencies, variable pulse length and paper speed, zero line shift, line or unlined paper at the flick of a switch, and controlled illumination for both chart window and front panel.

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The re-tooling of Sea Craft molds is currently under way to start production on the S.F. 18' and the S.F. 20' Open Fisherman. This will be followed with the production of a new 27 footer which will also accommodate the new Sea-Drive engine in sthe Spring of '82. The 23' Sea Craft will also be re-tooled for the Sea-Drive but the legendary hull design will not change.

The Tampa based manufacturing plant's present production includes the S.F. 23' Superfisherman, 23' Sceptre, and the 20' Master Angler.

Response has been very good now that Sea Craft is back in production and inquiries have flooded the new Tampa operation.

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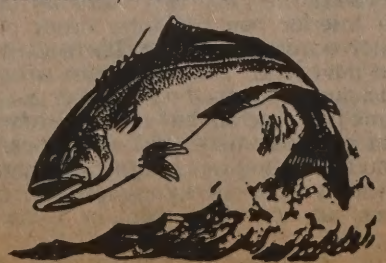

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BEACH BUGGY GROUPS SUPPORT WATT

by Al Ristori

On October 19, newspapers throughout the country reported on a "Dump Watt" rally staged on the Capitol steps by about 150 members and supporters of the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth. Capping a six-month campaign against Secretary of the Interior James Watt, the environmental organizations presented House Speaker Thomas O'Neill (D-MA) and Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) with petitions signed by more than 1.1 million citizens demanding Watt's ouster.

For months the papers have been full of this sort of anti-Watt news, and I've yet to read anything positive about him in the daily newspapers. Yet, there are some organizations which strongly support the Interior Secretary—and the pressure brought on the White House by his detractors so far seems to be very minimal. Indeed, the President is very supportive of Watt, and the Secretary is being used extensively as a speaker and fund raiser. Apparently, the environmentalists haven't been writing letters and sending telegrams the way they've been signing petitions. In the course of the battle for the 200-Mile Limit, I quickly became convinced that petitions were a waste of time. It's no problem to get people to sign a petition for or against anything, and it indicates no commitment. I'd rather get two letters written to a Congressman than one petition with hundreds of names. The latter means little and, in effect, counts as just one letter (to the person sending the petition) to which the Congressman has to reply.

During the summer I noted in this column that the National Wildlife Federation had started a "Dump Watt" campaign. That brought a quick phone call from Bob Lick, past president of United Mobile Sportfishermen and of the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association. Bob wanted me to know that beach buggy anglers are delighted with Watt and support him in his battle with the various environmental organizations. He also wanted me to know that the Virginia chapter of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) had voted against the national organization's position, and that the New Jersey chapter hadn't taken sides on the issue.

Since then I've received a long letter and considerable background information from William E. Miller, chairman of the United Mobile Sportfishermen's Legislative Action Committee. Bill, who hails from Bethpage, L.I., makes a number of interesting points which deserve airing. First of all, he points out that the environmental organizations opposing Watt now were also vehemently opposed to him during the nomination process, and have been seeking to "hang him" ever since. Bill also points out that the most conservative of these groups—the NWF—is not exclusively hunters and fishermen, but also has its share of "birdwatchers, friends of animals, environmentalists, etc." Bill feels it's the latter group which is in charge at the present time. Ironically, Watt's Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks is G. Ray Arnett—a past director and former president of the NWF! Since Arnett supports Watt's positions, there is a question as to whether he or the NWF has changed.

Miller goes on to detail some of the reasons for the support accorded to Watt by beach buggy fishermen: "During the last Administration I and many others were personally involved in opposing the severe restrictions applied to the mobile sport fishermen on the Fire Island National Seashore. The UMS gathered thousands of petitions, held a protest beach buggy motorcade to Washington to circle the White House to protest the adverse actions of the National Park Service on this seashore. For our efforts, we were ignored by the White House and Secretary of the Interior Andrus. We got a pablum reply drafted by the very individual who instituted the adverse action we were protesting. In short, we got nothing but suppression and curtailment of our sport. Under that Administration and that Secretary of the Interior, we bore the brunt of policy advocated by the Sierra Club and their kind. They no longer write policy under Watt—he is no Andrus—thank God, and so they are out in the cold and thankfully their voice does not receive any more attention than anyone else; and, I hope, receives the same attention we received under Andrus."

Miller goes on to note how Interior under Andrus attempted to curtail mobile sport fishing access to Cape Hatteras and also planned to create a wilderness at Cape Lookout National Seashore which would have ended the current very limited beach buggy access there. Solid opposition from the State of North Carolina and that state's Congressional delegation squashed those plans. Bill also points out that the Massachusetts Audubon Society, Conservation Law Foundation and Sierra Club have the National Park Service and Secretary Watt in court trying to prevent all mobile sport fishing access to Cape Cod National Seashore until the Park Service prepares a plan that "will protect the environment." Anyone familiar with that area knows that there are already very strict regulations governing beach use throughout the seashore, but the "far-out" environmentalists won't be satisfied until they've eliminated mobile sport fishermen from the beaches.

Best of all, from Miller's viewpoint, is the fact that doors are now open to mobile sport fishermen in Interior that had always been closed to them before. Indeed, both Bob Lick and a past president of the Virginia NWF have been appointed to a ten-man advisory council of outdoorsmen in Interior. Now there is direct communication on every problem associated with mobile sport fishing, and Miller feels that his people will get a fair shake as long as Watt is around.

In order to counter the Sierra Club drive against Watt, United Mobile Sportfishermen has joined with other recreational groups in a pro-Watt petition drive. Petitions can be obtained from UMS (Conrad F. Smith, President, 15 Bow Street, Woburn, MA 01801) or from the affiliated Long Island Beach Buggy Association, P.O. Box 101, Bayport, New York 11705. Bumper stickers supporting Watt can be obtained for $1 from LIBBA at the same address.

An interesting background item about Watt notes his love of the outdoors. He got himself into hot water with some people back on March 9 when asked about rumors that Interior was going to forbid horses in parks and motors on rafts. In a humorous attempt to assure the

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THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

(1) CODFISH SPAWN PRODIGIOUS NUMBERS OF EGGS LIKE 5-9 MILLION PER FEMALE. THE SURVIVAL RATE OF A 1-INCH COD IS ESTIMATED AT ONE IN A HUNDRED ☐ SEVERAL DOZEN ☐ MOST FRY ☐

ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

BY FRED GUARDINEER

(2) WHEN IT COMES TO HOOKING & HOLDING A FISH WITH JIGS, A TREBLE IS FAR MORE EFFECTIVE THAN A SINGLE HOOK. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(4) SPINEY DOGFISH, WHICH OFTEN ARE CAUGHT IN GREAT NUMBERS WHEN COD-FISHING HAVE NO FOOD VALUE. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(3) EACH OF THESE GAFFS HAS A SPECIAL USE FOR SALTWATER FISHERMEN. CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM ? REGULAR GAFF USED BY MOST FISHERMEN ☐ FLYING GAFF WITH DETACHABLE HEAD FOR GIANT FISH ☐ RELEASE GAFF SLIPPED INTO LOWER JAW IS DESIGNED NOT TO HARM FISH ☐

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(6) WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES OF THE *DINGLE-JOHNSON EXCISE-TAX BILL* CURRENTLY BEFORE CONGRESS, A READER ASKS ?

(5) WORKING DUCK DECOYS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE SAME SIZE AS THE BIRDS THEY IMITATE. THEY ARE OFTEN SMALLER ☐ LARGER ☐

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1-ONE IN A HUNDRED. 2-FALSE. MOST FISHERMEN FEEL THE SINGLE HOOK IS BETTER FOR HOOKING AND HOLDING FISH. 3-(A) REGULAR GAFF (B) FLYING GAFF (C) RELEASE GAFF. 4-FALSE. THEY ARE VERY POPULAR EVERYWHERE EXCEPT THE U.S.A. 5-LARGER. 6-TO PROVIDE EXTRA FUNDS FOR IMPROVING BOTH SALT AND FRESHWATER FISHING BY PROVIDING MORE BOAT RAMPS, ARTIFICIAL FISHING REEFS & FISH STOCKING PROGRAMS.

FISH TALK

FIRE & EVOLUTION

by William A. Muller

VERY INTERESTING! We really have several extremely interesting letters to discuss this week and I hope that you enjoy them as much as we did here at The Fisherman.

FOR EXAMPLE. Steve Lynch of Hicksville wrote: "As a novice fisherman, I have found your magazine to be indispensable. Keep up the good work. I have some questions that I hope you can answer. The other night while fishing the Obstruction buoy at Eaton's Neck, we noticed that the water was glittering and the lures gave off an eerie green glow when retrieved through the water. We also noticed that although the paper recorder indicated that fish were present at various levels, nobody was putting any in the box. Am I right in assuming that the fluorescence in the water was the reason for our fishlessness? Could you explain what causes this phenomenon and what fishing techniques are best employed to overcome this situation?"

FIRE!! You indicate that you are a novice fisherman, yet your keen observations and curiosity prompt you to go further with each trip. If you keep that up it won't be long before you are a pro. Reading, asking questions, experimenting with new approaches, talking with other anglers, joining a fishing club, etc., etc., promote the growth of a novice into an accomplished angler. To address your questions. The phenomenon you referred to is called FIRE by fishermen, yet the causes of the glow have nothing to do with fire, but rather with tiny microscopic organisms called dinoflagellates. These are single celled organisms with flagella (hair-like whips) that move them in the water. When these organisms reproduce they do so very rapidly and the result is countless billions of them. This kind of rapid reproduction is called a **"bloom."** It is usually located in a limited area because the conditions of water temperature, wind, and dissolved nutrients usually only come together correctly in relatively small areas. Thus, you may have had fire at Eaton's Neck while there might have been none on the Connecticut side. In general, when there is a high concentration of the dinoflagellates in the water, fishing is poor. There are some exceptions, but severe fire means terrible fishing for the most part. When anything moves through the water it disturbs the dinoflagellates. The disturbance causes chemicals in the bodies of the organisms to mix together. These chemicals are luciferan and luciferase. In combination, a greenish light is given off. The light is known as cold light. There are many organisms (big and small) in the sea that are capable of bio-luminescence. You may also observe that sometimes there are large green spheres in the water. These are Ctenophores which can be several inches in diameter. When they bounce off a rock or a lure at night they give off the same green light. Ctenophores, when very abundant, are usually as big a deterrent to fishing as are dinoflagellates. Fish seem to be disturbed by the high level of fire and usually swim off or go off their feed. A small amount of fire can help, but when the lure leaves a trail several times its length and when the line glows as well, it isn't likely that fishing will be very good.

HOW TO OVERCOME? You really can't overcome the problem when the fire is bad. However, you can try. One way is to be persistent. Keep fishing until you get that one dummy or until the fire dissipates. Fish when there is a bright moon. The moonlight inhibits the bio-luminescent process. A solid cloud cover may be a signal to stay home. If there is no moon and you insist on fishing there are some things you can try. One, use very light tackle. Mere threads for line and the tiniest lures. Use little or no hardware. Retrieve very slowly and then hope very hard. In the end there isn't much you can do and most of the time I opt to pack it in.

EVOLUTION. From Bernard Hogan in Toms River, New Jersey. "While all your columns are interesting and informative, I especially enjoy your 'mini-series' in which you give a detailed analysis of a particular species of fish. It's always helpful to know how to catch, but your explanations on the evolution and spawning histories and habits of fish is unique. Your readers, or shall I say pupils, learn a great lesson. Relative to the evolution of species, can you explain why anadromous fish require a move from salt to fresh water and vice versa, for different activities? The migration of the striped bass up the Hudson River is a prime example. Also, why are they anatomically able to survive in water of varying degrees of salinity? Could this have evolved as a means of protecting spawning fish from predators since these predators lacked a similar tolerance to salinity or the lack of it?"

THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS. This is really a whale of a question and although I don't have all the answers, I'm sure going to have a ball throwing around possible theories. Hold tight, because this is complicated and will take some space. First, we can deal with your idea about predators and adaptation. It's a good idea, but it is also doubtful that this is a suitable explanation since there are predators in both fresh and salt water. It makes little difference whether a young bass is eaten by a bluefish or a largemouth. Second, I believe that we need to understand that fish, like all creatures, vary in their abilities to tolerate varying conditions. Some fish, such as the open ocean big game species, have rather narrow tolerances to physical conditions such as

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temperature, salinity, and oxygen content. These fish tend to prefer the higher salinity of the open ocean (about 35%) as opposed to the estuary (about 26%). The example you offer of the striped bass is a good comparison to the tuna and I can use that comparison to amplify my point. The striped bass is a very hardy species. Bass can tolerate temperatures from about 30° to over 80°, salinities from almost fresh water to ocean salinity, to normal levels in clean water. They have evolved this capability in order to fill an available space in the web of life. In order to achieve these capabilities a species has to have a certain amount of genetic flexibility so that over the countless generations the fish can change and adapt as well as possible to its ecological niche. That is not to say that a striped bass is superior genetically to a tuna because the tuna has been adapting to its place in the web of life also. The keys to its success have been size and speed. So, each creature trades off one characteristic that it does not need in a given habitat or position in the web of life in order to gain another. As the evolution proceeds the organism either becomes better and better adapted or becomes extinct.

SOME SALT AND SOME FRESH!

As far as I know, striped bass have always been a marine species and a species of the deep estuary much like their close cousins, the white perch. Thus, one can conclude that the habit of spawning in rivers must have evolved as an offshoot of their existence in the deep estuary. A fish has several survival choices (through evolution) to deal with winter. It can be a species that migrates far south, moves into very deep water where bottom temperatures remain stable all year (more or less), or they can adapt to the estuary's seasonal changes. The fluke, the sea bass, the porgy, the weakfish, and others are already wintering on the Continental Shelf. Many species migrate far south but for bass to do so would be inefficient. They aren't geared for multi-thousand mile travels. The estuary is convenient and when the waters warm they go into their spawning act straight away. Efficient and effective. Salmon, on the other hand, may not be marine fishes in their original evolution. There are far more species of the sub-order of Salmonoidei that are fresh water, yet some like the salmon and rainbow trout will migrate to the sea to feed for periods of time before returning to native streams to spawn. These migrations will not occur where there is no access to the sea. Although I am not familiar with any specific reference in the literature on this matter, I am forced to conclude that since there are so many more freshwater Salmonoidei that the sub-order is a freshwater group. On the other hand, the sub-order Salmonoidei are part of a larger group (Order Salmoniformes) and this order includes other sub-orders. One sub-order, Argentinoidei, includes over 100 species of deep sea fishes. Perhaps we can resolve what appears at first glance to be perplexing. Originally all the oceans were freshwater. Bony fishes appear to have evolved in relatively shallow water (what we might call the estuary today). As the oceans turned salty and evolution of fishes brought about diversification, some of the new species adapted to saltwater exclusively, some to freshwater exclusively and others took on the role of anadromous. In each case it was a matter of matching through natural selection and trial-and-error the correct anatomy, physiology, size, and other characteristics with the habitat. A good match means a filled ecological niche and a successful species.

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SURF FISHING

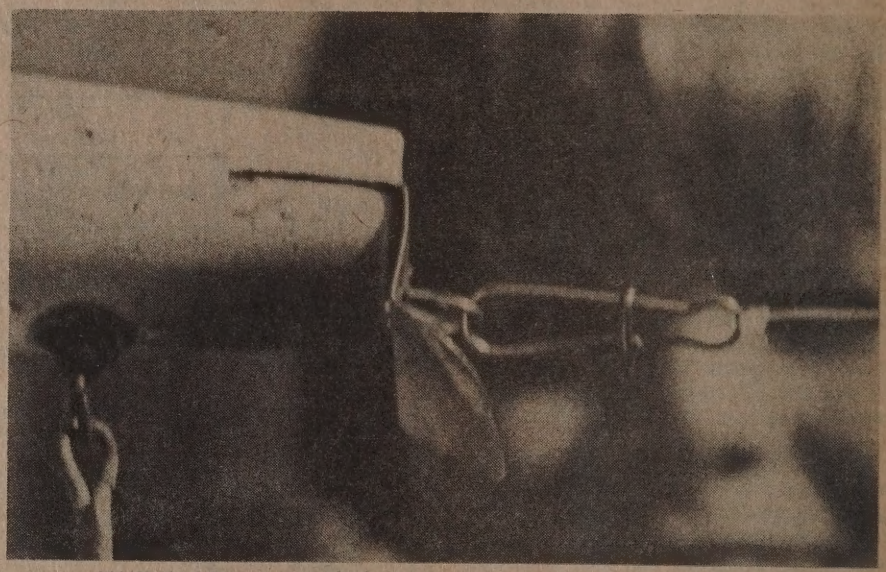
HOOKING & LANDING FISH

by John Fritz

The shore bound angler, even with the aid of a beach buggy, is confined to a scant 100 yards from the water's edge, and this passage is further hindered by increasingly restrictive access. The ratio between effort and success is so unequal that the loss of a single good fish is tragic. The natural obstacles encountered when fishing the surf are so numerous that it is inexcusable to drop a fish because of a correctable mistake or miscalculation on the part of the angler. In the following paragraphs I will try to point out a few items to check before undertaking a fishing trip and focus on some of the dangers which might be forthcoming in the actual landing of a game fish.

The correct choice of rod and reel are of the utmost importance when a trip to the shore is planned. Not only should these items permit the angler the best possible match for the lures to be used, but also a knowledge of the topography, weather and sea conditions to be encountered which will have a bearing on the type and strength of the equipment chosen. The third factor, which cannot be determined with absolute certainty but one that experience will help to anticipate, is the species and size of the fish being sought.

In order to clarify the above statements, let's take them one at a time. While there is no guarantee as to which lure or bait will be productive on any given day, the angler will have decided beforehand on which type of fishing will be attempted on that particular trip. Whether bottom fishing or plug casting, each endeavor can be refined somewhat to help determine the class tackle to be employed. An angler slinging live eels into a heavy surf will require a more husky rod and reel than an angler drowning worms from a placid North Shore beach. In a similar, but more important vein, an angler attempting to use 4½" Rebels with a rod suited for heaving 3 oz. bottle plugs will experience some difficulty. This is not to say that the task is impossible, for I have seen these extremes produce fish when ill-prepared surfmen were forced into using lures unsuited for the tackle on hand. The thought to keep in mind is that if the rod and reel is comparable to the weight of the items to be cast the optimum casting range can be realized; but more important, a better feeling for the lure can be gained with the result that a more lifelike action can be imparted, thus increasing the possibility of enticing a fish into striking the lure.



Well tied knots are vital to beaching trophy bass and blues.

The second concern which will have a bearing on the weight tackle to be used is the natural conditions prevalent in the area to be fished. In areas of strong currents, heavy surf, throngs of other anglers or substantial underwater obstructions, tackle with sufficient backbone to allow the ultimate pressure to be brought on the fish should be used. A fish which is granted considerable play under conditions such as these will stand a much greater chance of attaining freedom. In a similar aspect, the drag should be tightened, below the breaking strength of the line of course, to a point where the most rapid beaching can take place.

The last factor which will determine the size of the tackle chosen is the size fish to be expected. True, there are occasions where this is impossible to foresee, but on the majority of excursions the veteran surfmen will have a good idea what to expect. This is not as difficult as it may seem for most anglers, either through printed reports, friends, or their own notes will have some inkling as to the species and size fish running in any particular area at a specific time of the season. For instance, one would not expect to encounter teen-sized bluefish while fishing the State Channel for spring run weaks. Even at Montauk during the June action, when a cow bass can seize a lure at any time, the tackle normally employed at this time will provide ample opportunity to land such a fish. At this time the conditions are relatively easy as compared to the fall when large plugs and heavy tackle are a must.

After choosing the appropriate tackle a thorough check of the equipment should be made. Of greatest importance is the condition of the line, drag and guides on the rod. Anything considered of doubtful serviceability should be discarded. The hardware on the lures should be tested for weakened parts and all hooks examined and sharpened, for a razor sharp hook will often compensate for a slow reaction when setting the hook; or possibly snagging a game fish only moderately interested in the offering by taking a half-hearted swipe at the passing lure.

Assuming that the correct knots are used, they should be re-tied and tested at the start of each trip. It is also important to run the working end of the line between the fingers periodically while fishing as a check for nicks and abrasions which will substantially weaken the line.

One last thought before we leave the preparation section of this article. The quality and condition of the line to be used is very important, for this is the only link between the fisherman and fish once the hook is set. Lines bleached by the sun or weakened by many trips to the surf should be discarded or at least cut back to a

point where the luster of fresh line is apparent. When purchasing new line stay away from bargains, for on some occasions it is a clearance of last season's stock. It is also wise to buy only a brand of line which has been proven acceptable and worthy of the extreme conditions encountered in fishing the Long Island surf.

After the preparations have been completed and all possible areas of equipment failure have been eliminated, the successful landing of a struggling game fish will take on a different aspect once the angler wets his feet. While it is pleasant to fish in the company of friends, attention must be paid to the reason for being on the beach. Fluctuations in the working of the lure must be instantly compensated for by the angler. For example, when the plug swings out of the surging currents into a back eddy, the rate of retrieve should be changed to allow for the alteration in the plug's action. The response to a strike must be immediate and forceful in order to set the hook in the tough gristle found in the jaws of game fish such as the bluefish or striped bass. This reaction should be attempted at the slightest nudge, for a hook set in the back of a timid game fish is better than missing the hit completely. Do not be bashful when setting the hook on a decent fish for unless the barb of the hook is embedded in the flesh, the danger of losing the fish is greatly increased. If the first attempt at setting the hook is half-hearted or partially missed due to slack in the line, set the hook a second or even a third time until it is certain the hook has met substantial resistance. On most occasions the initial run is the strongest. If conditions warrant, give him his head, but at the same time make him earn each yard of line by using the appropriate amount of drag.

After the fish has concluded its primary run for freedom, start bringing it towards shore with a heave-and-haul motion. With the rod tip pointed in the direction of the fish pull back without turning the handle of the reel. When the tip is directly overhead, lower the tip once again while reeling in the line, but make sure not to allow for any slack in the line during the process. It is important not to grant the fish the least amount of slack, for in many cases a poorly set hook will easily be dislodged. Frequently a fish will seemingly commit suicide by charging the beach. When this happens, reel as rapidly as possible. If one cannot turn the handle at a sufficient rate to maintain tension on the line, walk rapidly backwards up the beach. On the other hand, when a fish pounds away and strips line from the spool, stop reeling. However, the instant it ceases its run resume the retrieve. Do not allow the fish to rest and regain its spent strength. Keep the pressure on for the longer the fish swims free, the greater is the chance of some unforeseen mishap taking place.

If the fish takes off on a run down the beach do not remain planted in one spot—follow it. If there are other anglers in the way, call out that there is a "fish on" and all true sportsmen will clear the way. It is incumbent on the angler fighting the fish to pass as swiftly as possible and allow the others to resume their fishing. Too many ugly words are exchanged when inconsiderate surfmen struggling with a decent fish fail to follow the fish and thereby interfere with numerous anglers down-tide. Needless to say, it is extremely difficult to land a fish when it is at an acute angle down-tide. Many anglers will be unaware that there is a hooked fish to their front and tangled lines will further impede the struggle.

As the fish is brought near the beach the tendency to tighten the drag is overwhelming. Do not do it, for this could be a fatal mistake. If additional pressure is necessary, cup the spool with one hand, but be ready to let up immediately should the fish make another surge at freedom, which it will undoubtedly attempt once it feels the sand under its belly. If a decent surf is present, ride the fish into the wash with the aid of a wave. It is important that the fish be brought as far into the wash as possible on the first attempt for the outward rush of water will sweep it back into the sea. At times this maneuver will necessitate a rapid back-pedaling up the beach, but do not try fighting the fish from the foot of the dunes. Stay in or near the wash where better control over the fish can be attained.

With the successful conclusion of the battle a greater feeling of satisfaction can be gained by releasing the fish unharmed. The thrill of the contest is ended, what better reward for the vanquished foe lying at your feet than to place it back into the sea, thereby ensuring another lucky angler on some distant beach the excitement and sense of achievement that was gained this day.

Keep the fish lying in the damp wash and after wetting the hands to prevent removal of the fish's protective mucous coating, gently remove the hook without inserting the fingers into the delicate gill area. Carry the fish back into the water with one hand on the tail and the other supporting the head and ease it into the water. Without releasing your grip fully, permit the fish to swim from your grasp. If the fish is too exhausted to swim on its own, water will have to be forced through its gills. This revival is accomplished by pushing or pulling the fish through the water until sufficient oxygen is forced over the gill rakers for the fish to regain its strength. When the fish has recaptured its vigor, a sharp thrust of its tail will signify that all is well and serve as a wave of thanks as this splendid creature glides slowly into the depths, to live and perhaps ensure the survival of this magnificent species.

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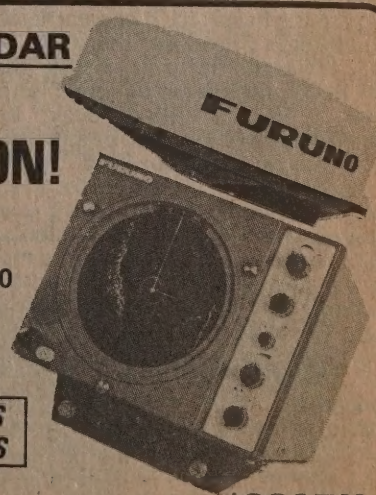

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SINKER BOUNCING

"South Shore Cod" — Part II

by Matt Ahern

As the Echo continued on through a calm sea to buoy 4, I glanced at the lonely cod I'd caught two hours before—the only cod taken by us on the Southeast Ground. It still lay on deck. My buddy Artie Leidecker had guesstimated it at between eighteen and twenty pounds. Al Dunn, always cheerful in his estimates, said more likely over twenty. I kept my counsel, for whatever its weight, it was indeed a nice fish.

For three dedicated fishermen, that lone cod was a vast improvement over the previous trip, a trip on which we failed to catch even one. And we sure tried. Especially Artie—he doesn't give up easily. But you can't catch fish that aren't there.

"I was wondering," I said to Artie. "Think we ought to give the McAllister Grounds a shot before going on to buoy 4? We're going to pass close-by anyway."

Artie downed one of the wheel's spokes. "Maybe later—if we have to. I still think these cod are farther offshore than McAllister. Let's keep it in mind as a possible ace in the hole."

Created by the McAllister Towing Company in 1950, the McAllister Grounds consists of tons of rubble from New York City construction sites. It lies slightly more than two miles south of Long Beach, and I well remember how its several hills, or mounds, produced excellent sea bass and porgy fishing in summer, fair to good codfishing in winter, superior ling fishing in spring. If one particular mound didn't produce, there was no problem anchoring over another that did. Fish could always be found in the area. It is still fished today, but results are nowhere near as spectacular as during its earlier days.

As Al Dunn and I sat in the stern, we discussed those past fishing days. The weather still held, but I noted our light north wind had now veered more to the northeast. Artie had predicted earlier in the day that rain was on its way. From past experience, I knew the barometer would soon begin to fall, and as far as our codfishing was concerned, we'd have to get our fishing in during those next few hours left to us. As Artie said when he made his weather prediction: codfishing and a low barometer don't mix.

When we reached buoy 4, Artie headed the Echo south and I went below and brought up our box of homemade marker buoys.

These gallon-size red plastic jigs are sashweighted and wrapped with varying lengths of strong nylon cord, each individually marked for use in whatever water depth we might be fishing. Because I knew water depth in the buoy 4 area would be approximately 60'-65', I selected three buoys that were marked "75 feet" and lay them aside. That extra length of cord is needed to compensate for unexpected tidal and weather conditions that might be encountered on any given day. To use a buoy marked 60' in sixty feet of water would be foolishness indeed because a rising tide or rough weather would soon hide it from view. (I found this out the hard way and its telling would make a good story in itself. It happened years ago, but I still haven't lived it down.)

Artie slowed the Echo, put binoculars to his eyes and studied the shore line. We were a good mile south of the buoy. He gunned the engine and we went ahead an extra 500' or so. He gave another look, seemed satisfied, and shut down the engine. "We're in that gully alongside that southwest high spot," he told me. "You remember—where we caught those seven 30 lbers. that day."

Indeed I did remember. And that, too, would make a good story.

I tossed one of the marker buoys overboard, picked up my rod, and began fishing. Our drift was good, though somewhat faster and at a more oblique angle than on the Southeast Grounds. But there was no difficulty holding bottom with an 8 oz. sinker.

Our first bit of action came from a conger eel. Then a horned dogfish came over the rail, followed in quick succession by several more. Al caught a whiting and Artie decked another. I began to wonder if I had bait on my hook. Then Al grunted and said "Hey!" and came back on his rod. He had a cod.

I quickly tossed over another buoy, reeled in, grabbed the gaff, and went to Al's aid. He had his fish about halfway up when I heard Artie say: "Gotcha!" Two cod in short order, and there I was handling the gaff.

Both fish were average size—about 8 lbs. I got them on deck, picked up my rod and again began to fish. And damned if Artie didn't nail another cod. This one was slightly larger, but it was Al who gaffed it, giving me time to continue fishing. It didn't do much good, though, for by the time I got settled, the action was over. We continued the drift a bit longer, then decided to return to the first buoy.

Because that first buoy was no longer needed, I handlined it aboard. We then headed for the second buoy, the one I'd tossed over when Al first hooked his cod. We held a short conference. "I think we better anchor," Artie finally decided. "Looks like a small school in here somewhere. Better get the chum going, too."

Ten minutes later the Echo was tethered on its anchor. I waited a bit while the others began to fish, then picked up our skimmer bat and began to toss whole skimmer into the air and bat them downward into the water as close as possible to the lines. There's a trick to this besides cutting down on the misses, for if the skimmer is struck too hard, most of the heavy shell needed to hold the clam on bottom is shattered into bits and pieces and the chum ends up too far away to do much good.

I picked up my rod again and began to fish. We waited. Nothing.

I batted more chum, and we waited some more. Nearly an hour went by. More chum. "Time's a'wastin'," I reminded Artie. "How about the McAllister Grounds?"

"Will you stop with the McAllister Grounds!" he grumbled. "Give it time. Those fish are here somewhere."

Five minutes later Al let out a whoop. "And here they are! Come to papa."

And there I was, right back at my gaffing duties. I sometimes think I'm the only one Artie will gaff fish for. I got Al's fish on deck—a rat about four pounds. The fishing became a good pick after that. For Artie and Al, that is. I couldn't break the ice. Dogfish, yes; conger eels, yes; but no cod. And do you know, that's how I ended the day. Eleven cod came aboard from that buoy 4 area, but I didn't catch one. The largest fish was about twelve pounds. All I got were heaps of frustration.

I discussed this with Artie on the way in. "That's what happens when a guy starts off like a house on fire," he said, reminding me of my one and only cod.

Well, I consoled myself, sour grapes and all that, at least my cod was bigger than any they caught. But I still say if we had stopped at the McAllister Grounds, I'd have shown those guys a thing or two.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

EELS — TWO MORE TIMES

by Eileen Regina

Recently we hesitantly offered two recipes for cooked eels, unsure of reader response or acceptance, and actually not even certain whether or not anyone at all would be interested in eels at all. Happily, response has been good, if those letters we received are any indication at all, and we would especially like to take this time to thank Mrs. Flora Napolitano and Mrs. Madeline Kovach, both residents of The Bronx, for their especially nice letters.

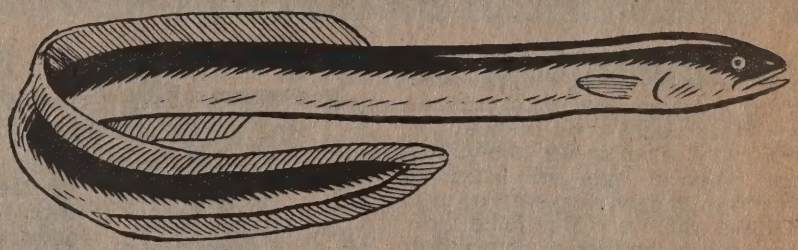
Heartened by these responses and prodded by my chubby husband to "give 'em what they want," today we offer two Continental recipes for eels—one from Italy and the other from France, and hope that they find favor among our readers out there. If you have not had too much experience with Continental cooking, let me assure you at this time that it is not as difficult or as mysterious as it might sound. Basically simple recipes at heart, those wily Continentals merely include some wine in their cooking, which is what gives it that distinctive difference. Our experiences with those cooking wines that you can buy at the local supermarket have been disappointing; those wines are usually weak, sweet, and insipid when compared to wines bottled especially for drinking. Here the wines are more robust, heartier, and tastier, and impart greater flavor to recipes while acting as perfect complements to the completed dinner. So, all in all, we recommend that you purchase drinking wine to not only spice up your dishes also, but for the sheer enjoyment of the palate pleasing taste they offer.

Perhaps what has made eels so popular among the Europeans is the fact that they were considered to be aphrodisiacs, along with squid and octopus, two more Continental favorites—also possibly because of that same mistaken belief. But even if eels are not aphrodisiacs, the two recipes today are delectable enough to stand on their gastronomic merits without any additional reason. We hope that you enjoy these recipes as much as we do, and that they open a whole new world of dining pleasure for you and your loved ones.

EELS IN WINE MARINADE

Ingredients (serves 8)
2 lbs. eels, skinned and cut into 2 or 3 inch pieces
2 tbs. flour
2/3 cup imported olive oil
3/4 cup minced onion
3/4 cup minced celery
2 cups red wine vinegar
1 cup dry red wine (Burgundy is good here; also for next recipe)
4 cloves garlic, pressed
1 large bay leaf
1/4 tsp. oregano
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
1 tsp. table salt
3 sprigs parsley, snipped

Roll eel pieces in flour. Heat oil in a large skillet and cook eels until browned, then remove from skillet and set aside. Strain the oil into another saucepan, add celery and onion and saute until they are lightly browned. Add vinegar and all remaining ingredients except the parsley and simmer for five minutes. Pour over eels and arrange in a 12x8x2 inch dish. Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours. To serve, arrange eels and marinade on a serving platter and sprinkle with snipped parsley. Serve with cold whole boiled potatoes, hearts of lettuce salad, and a chilled glass of that same Burgundy you used for the recipe.



EEL BOURGUINONNE

Ingredients (serves 8)
1/2 cup flour
2 tsp. paprika
1/2 tsp. table salt
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
4 tbs. butter
2 lbs. eels, skinned and cut into 2" pieces
3 sprigs parsley, snipped
1/2 cup onions, minced
1/2 cup red Burgundy wine
1/4 cup mushrooms, sliced

Mix flour, paprika, salt, and pepper in a pie plate or on a sheet of waxed paper, and roll the eels in it, covering them completely before setting them aside. Heat the butter in a skillet until it turns golden, then saute the eels until done, adding the minced onions while the fish is sauteeing. When eels are golden brown, add the wine, cover the pan and cook for five minutes. In a separate pan, saute the mushrooms until they are soft and add them to the eels before they are cooked in the covered pan. Serve hot on a bed of rice; sprinkle on the parsley just before you bring the platter to the table.

Here is a perfect complement would be an endive salad, crisp chunks of French bread, and a glass of that same Burgundy again, chilled just enough to bring it below room temperature.

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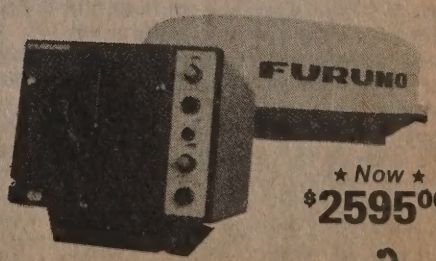

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WINNING THE COLD WAR

by John Wilkinson

Although many fishermen retire to warm homes during the winter months, there are still lots of fish out there to be caught when the weather turns chilly. Codfish are the prime target when it gets very cold in mid-winter, with whiting and ling also providing action and fine table fare. During the fall and spring, when days can also be cool, there are many other species to wet a line after: blackfish, blues, porgies, fluke, flounder, mackerel, and sea bass, to mention a few. In my opinion, this action is certainly worth getting in on and, although it isn't shirt-sleeve summer-time weather, dressing properly can make the trip easily bearable.

There are several general things I have learned over the years about dressing for cold weather fishing. The first is to absolutely make sure you stay dry. Damp clothing plus cold weather adds up to a case of the chills that will be impossible to shake until the clothes are changed. The second is that, as with all cold weather sports, multiple layers of thin clothing are better than fewer layers of bulky stuff. This does many things: it allows adding or removing clothing as conditions during the day change, air in-between layers provides excellent insulation, and not using bulky layers makes for more freedom of movement. Third, take extra care to keep your feet warm: cold toes are impossible to live with—even for a day of fishing "pleasure." Lastly, you can always take off clothes if it's too warm, but you can't put on clothes you haven't brought along or worn. Bring enough layers of clothing to keep warm, and bring extras just in case some gets wet.

For a specific day's fishing, I plan my clothing item by item and from head to toe. During cold winter months, this can result in quite a list. What follows is a description of what I wear for a typical codfishing trip in January.

Forty percent of the heat loss from one's body is through the top of the head. So, keeping warm requires very good head gear. I start with a wool cap that I can pull down over my ears. This may be enough on some days; but to make sure I stay warm, both my sweat-shirt and foul weather gear have hoods for further protection if required.

What the well-dressed party boat angler is wearing: layers of clothing, plus a rubber foul weather suit.

Of course, a full set of thermal underwear is the first layer of regular clothing. Again, following the idea of a lot of layers of thinner clothing, I wear thermals that are not too thick—just straight wool of synthetic material, or with a small layer of insulating stuffing. This layer, as well as the others I wear, all can "breath" so that sweat doesn't get trapped inside my clothing, which would result in a damp, chilly day for one fisherman. What follows above the waist is a turtle neck shirt or sweater, a wool or flannel shirt, and an insulated sweat-shirt with a hood. I generally do fine with just jeans over my thermals below the waist.

Over the whole pile of clothes noted above goes a full set of foul weather gear. This keeps me dry and is excellent for breaking the wind on an open boat. Clean-up is also easy when wearing rubber coveralls no matter what the temperature. Simply grab a hose or bucket, and wash yourself down during the ride home.

I definitely feel that investing in top-of-the-line foul weather gear is money well spent. A five dollar set of foul weather gear (they are for sale in tackle shops!) will not protect very well, and will fall apart after a few trips. A good set will cost easily over $50, but will do an excellent job of protecting you from the elements, and will last many years. The top to my outfit is made by Helly Hansen and has been with me about nine years. Hansen is commercial grade foul weather gear available in many sporting goods and tackle shops. My bottoms are Black Diamond brand full coveralls which I use for fishing year-round to keep me dry and make clean-up easy at the end of the day. After hosing myself down, I can take off the coveralls and my regular clothing is clean, without fish blood, etc., all over it (my wife especially likes this). I have had my present coveralls for about fifteen years! The reason for this is that Black Diamond brand is designed for use by coal miners, and is especially rugged. Even if the coveralls do get ripped, repair is easy using a bicycle inner tube patch kit. My pair has four such patches, but those coveralls are still going strong. If you have difficulty finding quality rain gear, **Island Fish and Net** in Sayville can probably fill your needs.

On my feet I first don two pairs of

thermal socks. Over these goes a pair of rubber boots. My boots are not insulated, and I really haven't had cold feet; but insulated boots certainly would be an added margin of safety. After all, maybe I've just got abnormally warm feet. Another note on my boots is that they do not have laces. They are straight step-ins. Since my coveralls come down well over the tops of my boots, I have no problems with water or wind down my ankles. Also, I have noticed that, after a day's fishing, boots with laces are very difficult to clean. Bait and chum tend to get hung up in the laces. A hose and boat brush do a fine job on my boots.

What to do with my hands is the toughest problem I have encountered. The idea, as I see it, is to find gloves that keep me warm, yet are light enough to not totally destroy my feel for bites. Over the years, I have tried all kinds of gloves, and just can't seem to find something that is a reasonable compromise. Gloves I've found in tackle shops and sporting goods stores usually have a lining, and a latex type exterior, and have kept my hands dry. These usually were so bulky I couldn't even bait my hook properly. Thinner, tighter gloves were a thought—but they cut off too much blood circulation which, in turn, resulted in extremely cold fingers. My present approach is to go halfway: a glove on my left hand and nothing on my right. When I can't take anymore, I fish a dead pole and duck into the cabin for a few minutes to warm up.

Many of today's modern party boats have heated handrails and, one might certainly wonder what effect this has on dressing for winter clothing. Based on my experience, I feel that heated handrails are nice, but don't have a great impact on dress. The obvious use for them might be for your hands. However, what I have found is that hands with gloves really don't need them, and that it actually hurts if you put a bare, cold hand on a hot rail. Perhaps these rails are just too hot? Well, as I said, it is nice in that you can lean up close against the rail and get some general overall warmth.

Some final notes on keeping warm have to do with what you eat and drink. In cold weather, your body works especially hard to keep itself warm. You will actually burn more calories while winter fishing than during a similar trip in the summer. What this means is that you should consume good quantities of foods that provide the kind of energy your body needs. These are foods high in carbohydrates, such as bread, potatoes, all kinds of starches, etc. Adding warmth directly with hot coffee, tea, and soup is also a good idea. However, it is not a good idea to follow the example of the old salt who spends the day taking swigs from a flask. A shot of booze may feel warm going down, but alcohol will actually lower your body's resistance to cold weather.

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THE WHITING AND LING STORY

Part Two — *by Rich Giessuebel*

Having left off last week on clothing and baits, this offers us a fine place to begin. Furthermore, we'll get into the inshore locations where you'll be able to catch these two fine winter staples, the whiting and ling, as well as discuss inshore rigs and tackle requirements.

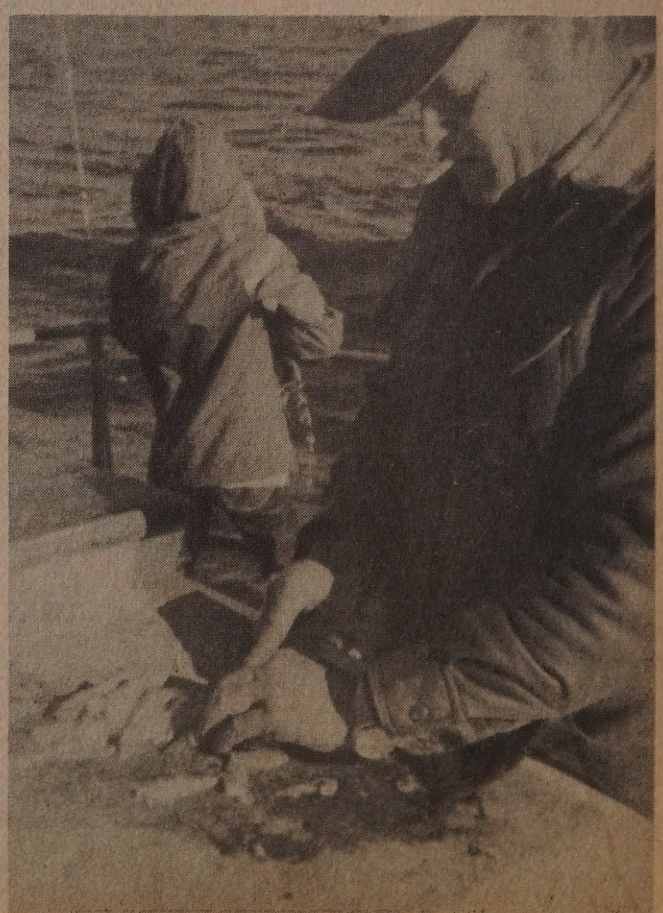
Since inshore fishing is either late fall or early spring fishing, the weather associated with these times is often cold. Therefore, let's begin with discussing just how one should dress while fishing during these times of year. First of all, it's easier to over-dress than to under-dress. Remember to cover your head, as most body heat is lost from here. If your feet get cold, there goes the trip; so take extra care not to allow this to happen. I wear boots with thermal inserts of felt. I also find at times that my feet are so warm that they sweat. This, too, can result in cold feet. So, I **always** carry two or three pairs of socks with me. Then, at first indication that my feet are getting cold, I retreat inside the cabin and change socks.

Down jackets are a valuable asset to have in the winter. They are exceptionally light and afford fantastic protection from the wind and cold. If you don't have a down coat, then you're going to have to bundle up with a lot of loose fitting clothing. The idea behind this is that pockets of warm air build up in the loose area and protect you from the colder outside environment. One final thing that's going to have to be kept warm and dry are your hands. I like to wear two pairs of gloves (just like in the Army): one pair of woolen gloves and the other a pair of waterproof thermal gloves. Hands are still nimble enough to work the reel and unhook fish, yet they stay very warm even on the coldest days.

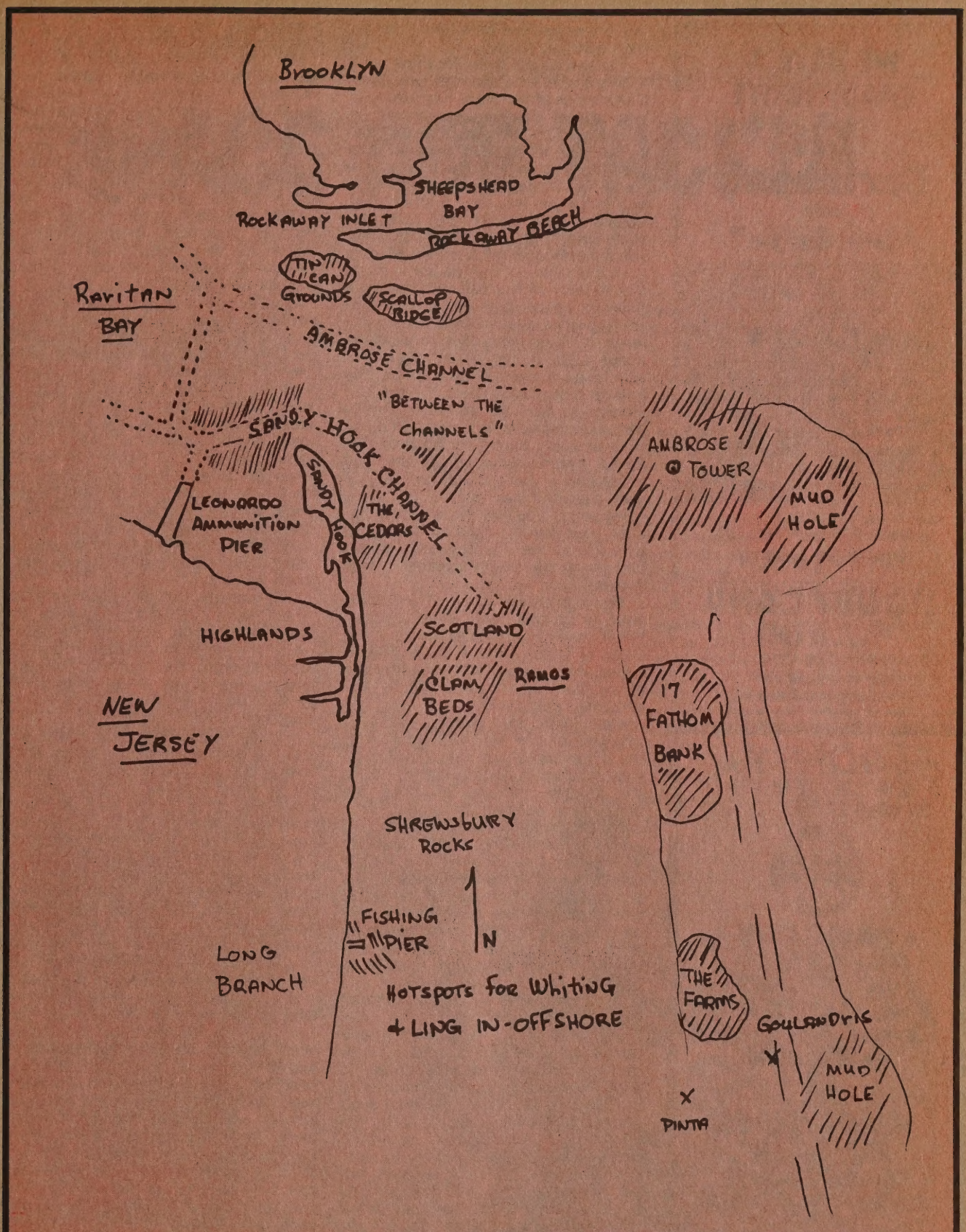
Now, even though you take all of these precautions, you're still going to have to be a pretty tough character to brave it out here. I add this, because winter fishing surely isn't for the meek and I don't want to give anyone the opinion that if you're dressed for it, you can hack it. It's cold, the wind is whistling, and on most occasions, it feels like your face is going to fall off at any moment.

Let's discuss tackle requirements. First of all, offshore you've got to have a sturdy rod, one capable of handling up to 16 oz. of weight to get you down and to hold the bottom. Therefore, rods in the 5½' to 6' range with heavy tips are best suited. Inshore, you can fish just about any combination you want. Offshore we fish heavy multiple hooked rigs designed to catch a lot of fish on one drop. Inshore, we don't have to drop

Bundled against the chill November air, Ray Henley swings aboard a nice whiting.



Strip baits cut from the belly section of whiting are deadly.



down so far, so we can get away with two or three hooks, and a lot less weight. With this in mind, we use 20 lb. test lines and often fish spinning gear. On most occasions, I fish downright light gear where I have a single whiting hook somewhere above a light diamond jig. If I'm in a ling area, then I rig for ling using only a bottom hook and perhaps one whiting hook above it.

The rigs consist of a length of 40 lb. test mono with either 1-3 dropper loops made into it. The lighter the outfit used, the less hooks on the rig. Then, onto each dropper a long shanked 2/0 hook is placed, preceded by either a red or pearl bead. Once the hook is in place, the bead is slid forward to impede any movement of the hook. Add either a light bank type sinker, or a comparable diamond jig and you're in business.

Let's now discuss bait. You can use anything you want to catch whiting and ling. They are both undemand-

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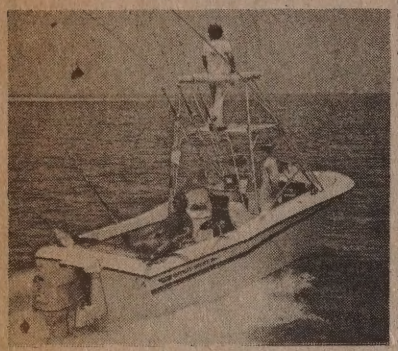

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ing. However, the best bait is by far fresh whiting strips.

The way to get these fresh strips is to begin with whatever bait you have. Make strips of that bait. For example, you could use squid, clam, or mackerel. Cut the clam foot up into strips about two inches long if possible. The same holds true for the squid and mackerel. Buy only enough bait to get you into your first whiting. Consider that this might take you some time, so a package of bait should suffice. Now, once the whiting is on the deck, cut out his belly. Place this section of the fish out flat on a filleting board and make strips of whiting that are about 2½" to 3" long. At their head, they should be about 1/2" to 3/4" wide. The strip should be hooked once through the head and the rest of the bait should be allowed to trail off the hook. Make certain to put your hook through some skin, and you might not have to bait up for several more fish in that the white strip is very tough and can be used over and over again.

No bait is used on the diamond jig. Just your motion up and down will give life to the jig. This will attract fish which run the risk of being foul hooked.

You don't always have to bounce your jig up and down while drifting. What I like to do is to get my jig to the bottom. Then, I jig it for awhile in hopes of attracting fish to the flashing of the diamond. I follow this by just allowing the diamond to stay in contact with the bottom, while I maintain an ever alert vigil for a tug at the other end of my line. This is an easy practice in shallow water, but as the depths increase, so does the difficulty of hooking the biting fish.

Locations for inshore fishing are easy to find. The first location, directly outside Rockaway Inlet, is called the "Tin Can Grounds." The grounds are in from 15'-18' of water, and out about three-quarters of a mile on a reading of 225° from Rockaway Point. Depths here are shallow and the best manner to fish here is to drift.

A second spot to fish is located "between the channels." This location is between the Ambrose and Sandy Hook Channels where water depths fluctuate from between 20' to 60'. There are holes here, and there are lumps, too. There's always a good current and when you can drift the potential is there to have an exceptional day. This spot is easy to find, because many of the fishing boats out of Sheepshead Bay and the Atlantic Highlands fish here everyday. Find the fleet and nine times out of ten, you've found "between the channels."

Should the weather be presenting too much of a problem, you can always fish near the Sandy Hook Channel inside Sandy Hook. From the Hook to the Leonardo Ammunitions Pier, whiting and ling are caught from time to time. Therefore, should you get shut out in the ocean, you might successfully turn your attentions to these inside locations.

For ling, a long standing hotspot has got to be a place called the "Cedars." Located right outside Sandy Hook itself, the Cedars are very close to shore. They are located inside the number "5" 4 second gong buoy, which indicates the Sandy Hook Channel. From here on up to the beach is the general area of the Cedars and here is where the ling come in to spawn. In the Cedars, depths can vary from 10'-30'. It's in the 12'-18' shallows that most of the ling seem to be caught.

Another favorite inshore location seems to be an area called "Scotland." It is 3.5 miles due south of the Tin Can Grounds and marks for sea traffic the entrance to Sandy Hook Channel. Therefore, follow the Sandy Hook Channel out, and when you reach its end, you'll be in the general area called "Scotland." Here, the water tends to be 50' deep. There are also many wrecks in this area such as the Ramos which tend to hold large amounts of bait which, in turn, attract large schools of both whiting and ling. If you get reports from these grounds, then by all means get out there and check 'em out.

Just slightly further south lie the "Clam Beds." This is a big area of ocean lying about 1½-2 miles due east of the Jersey Highlands. Often a super hotspot for trolling lunker stripers, the "Clam Beds" also give up their share of whiting, ling, and mackerel.

Actually, anywhere you want to drift for whiting and ling along the Rockaways and North Jersey shores are as good a place as any to get lucky. Fish come in here because they know that there is a lot of bait here in the currents set up by the meeting of the ocean and Raritan Bay. So, don't hesitate on getting out there and giving it a go. Then, when reports come in from the areas just mentioned, you can now locate their general vicinity, and it won't be too long until you're pinpointing locations and scoring right along with the fleet.

Best times to catch these fish are late fall and early spring. Night trips can be very worthwhile, too. You don't have to do anything different and in the evening, the fish invade the beaches, making offshore treks needless. Many party boats in our area go out for whiting and ling on a daily basis. They also sail in the evening, trying to leave the dock as near to 7PM as possible. So, whatever the case, you can elect to get out there in your own boat or tag along with some party boat captain.

Well, that's about all there is. Remember to dress for the time of year and to make certain that you cut up your first fish. If you're on a party boat, simply give the first whiting you catch to the mate, and ask him to cut it up into strips for you. He'll be most happy to do this, because he'll know you know what you're doing and these guys like to see you catch fish.

SPACE AGE TACKLE

by Pete Barrett

The recent American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association trade show held in Atlanta, Georgia marked the introduction of a wider selection of space age fishing tackle that should ultimately make fishing easier, less expensive and more productive for us.

Neil Armstrong and his fellow astronauts aren't the only ones reaping benefits from NASA technology. We fishermen are now seeing more improvements in rods because of the research done in the aerospace industry. The latest new material is boron. Actually it could be argued that boron has been available for at least two years, but it has only been the past summer that boron rods, in my opinion, have been perfected. Like their predecessors, the graphite rods, boron had a time of working out the "bugs" before it could be counted on to be reliable.

In simple terms, boron consists of specially treated tungsten steel fibers. Many boron rods also use graphite fibers to "hold together" the boron fibers. Whether the rod is totally boron or mixed with graphite, the result is an even faster reacting rod that transmits an amazing amount of sensitivity, feel and casting ability.

Boron is expensive, but it can mean more fish in the cooler, making it a less expensive fishing tool when you compare your catch ratio to that of other rods. Is it worth it? Most pro bass anglers and a growing number of saltwater anglers say "yes" because it is so sensitive and a better fish-fighting tool.

Among the companies featuring boron or boron composite rods are Fenwick, Shakespeare, Shimano, Garcia, Pflueger, Kunnan and Daiwa. From what I saw at the AFTMA show, most every major tackle company is ready with a line of boron rods.

Daiwa and Penn both introduced a magnetic concept for controlling backlashes in casting reels. The Daiwa reels use a "Mag-Force" magnetic control on the left side plate to accurately control the drag on the spool so anglers with only a grammar school education casting thumb can still use a casting reel. Penn has come out with a similar arrangement on a Squidder sized reel.

Magnetic brake controls for fishing reels is not new. Ocean City tried it back in the Thirties, but again new technology, materials and modern design make the new Daiwa and Penn offerings a rocket flight ahead of past efforts.

Daiwa also introduced a new spinning reel with the major components (reel housing, side plate, spool and rotating bail mount) made from graphite. My reaction to this new reel was very positive. Graphite is strong, light and cannot corrode in saltwater. In theory, these new graphite reels should be virtually indestructible. At present, the Daiwa reel is made in only one size, a medium reel suitable for freshwater, and light saltwater fishing. Hopefully they will follow this neat reel with a wider range of sizes from ultra-light to surf.

Another so-called space age material—plastic—is now seen in more and more reels and also in fishing rod components. For many years, the term "plastic" meant cheap, a sure mark of a bad reel. Yet the new plastics have changed all that. There are plastics now that are stronger than metal, can be beat with a hammer and still not show signs of cracking or failure. On many of the best modern reels, plastic is beginning to replace aluminum and also less tough older plastics. Shimano Bantams in the small sizes have a durable plastic side plate that cannot be destroyed. It also cannot corrode, rust or dent like older side plates of aluminum or metal.

Newell has been using a tough plastic side plate and even guarantees it for five years. Penn has been using a newer plastic material for several years and the quality of the Penn line of fishing reels is undisputed.

Several rod manufacturers are now using Delran reel seats, another durable plastic that is stronger and less troublesome than many aluminum seats. Childre has been using a graphite reel seat on many of its rods and most anglers like the added strength and feel. Many custom rod builders have been switching to the graphie seats.

One short column is never enough space to mention all the new things that are in the wind for next season, but watch the "New Products" press releases in the front of this magazine in coming issues to keep up-to-date on what is coming from the tackle companies. It's innovative and the quality gets better and better.

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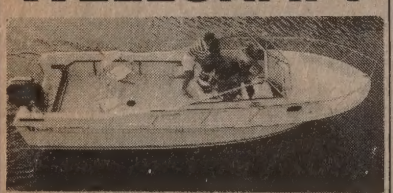

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Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

Captain Paul Forsberg's **Viking Fleet** reports that through Friday there was very good fishing off Block Island on the **Viking Star** for cod to 35 lbs., blackfish to 12 lbs., along with a few late porgies. This was all on bait.

Charter boat **Nostalgia II** called to say thanks to all the people he sailed this year and that he will be starting out the '82 season out of Mattituck on April 1st. Captain Jerry says he is about to become a brand new daddy and we wish him and his family the best. His trip Wednesday to Southwest Ledge for Jerry and Gary Doyle on Gary's boat Lena D resulted in a catch of blackfish to 9 lbs. and a good shot of sea flounders. Five out of the 8 flounders caught were in the 2½ lb. range and were caught, believe it or not, on green crabs on sandy bottom near rocks.

Charter boat **My Mate** called to say that Rich ZePaula and friends were sailed Veterans Day. They had blackfish on green crabs at Southwest Ledge up to 10 lbs. and cod to 15 lbs. Skipper Captain Joe McBride wishes to thank his patrons for sailing with him during the '81 season.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reports this week were virtually non-existent due to the powerful Northeaster which swept past the Island over the weekend.

William James decked this 64 lb. white shark while on a night bluefish trip aboard the "Viking Starship."

Greg and Steve Servino along with their dad on John DeMaio's "Vivienne," took these bass, blues and weaks on Ava jigs.

With the exception of a few scattered flounder reports from sheltered locations, the only positive fishing dates back to early last week when open boats continued to enjoy very good codfishing on the offshore wrecks. Blues also remained available outside the inlets up until Wednesday, but the big storm has probably signalled an end to the choppers.

MORICHES BAY

Gary at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** said that despite the gale winds of the weekend, Ed Cook, Ray Grimm and Les Mills managed to take 46 flatties up to 2 lbs. fishing just outside the station in Tuthill cove. Blood worms and clams have both been effective with mussel and corn chum a big help.

Over at **Hi-Way Fishing Station,** Al reported no boats out due to the weather, but added that the fish are there. The station will remain open until Nov. 29th and Al expects worthwhile fishing whenever the weather moderates.

OAKDALE

From **J & R Sport Center** Dave had nothing to report as the Northeaster really put a lid on the saltwater scene this weekend. Thigs even slowed for trout fishermen this week at Bubbles and in the State Park although a couple of "decent" browns and rainbows were picked up.

CAPTREE

It was a bad weekend for the fleet here as nearly every boat weathered out the wind by staying dockside. Earlier in the week however, very good cod action on offshore wrecks

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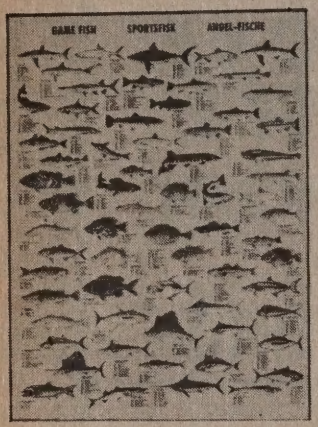

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Steve Powell, Dave Smoren and Mike and Dee Goldstein took a mixed bag of school tuna, bonito, and blues during a late summer charter at Montauk aboard the "Nostalgia II."

continued to fuel hopes for a banner cod season.

Inside the bay, flounder fishing had been fair some days, and picky on others. Most boats were working to the west in the State Channel, but there were also a few nice fish in the eastern part of the bay.

For shore casters, the Captree and Robert Moses Piers have been quiet. The Jones Beach Fishing Piers did produce a few small flounders on worms over the weekend for die-hards willing to tolerate the biting winds.

BABYLON

Ski Kochanski of **Augie's Bait & Tackle** said that the big storm completely washed out the weekend. Two scheduled cod contests also fell victim to the wind and rain. Ski did know that there was some de4cent flounder fishing in the State Channel near Lindenhurst up until Friday. Worms and chum is the ticket for the flatties.

AMITYVILLE

At **Combes Bait & Tackle,** George lamented the fishless weekend, but was quick to add that before all of the weather, flounder fishing was fair in Massapequa Cove, Four Corners and Zach's Bay. During the week, one angler checked in a catch of a dozen big flatties between ¾ and 1½ lbs. made on worms and mussel chum in Massapequa Cove. George asked that we remind duck hunters that he is again guiding parties in the area. Give the shop a call for more info.

The Ken Bowman party accounted for this 145 lb. mako on a trip aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Adios."

SEAFORD

"No news since mid-week" according to Lon at **Wanser's Bait & Tackle.** Before the wind started blowing, there was some fair flounder fishing at Four Corners and off of Soreville Park on worms and clam chum. Codfishing on offshore wrecks remained very good through early last week, and there were still blues for umbrella rig trollers outside of Jones Inlet before the storm.

MERRICK

At **Nick's Fishing Station** George said that the weather has kept things very quiet, but a few boats did manage to take some flounder at Merrick Point on worms and chum. Three anglers on Friday had 70 flatties, while three boats on Saturday managed 30 fish apiece.

Craig and Pete Hutnick with 68 flatties taken off the Moriches Coast Guard Station. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

Captain Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** says there's some mighty big cod available, with his fares banging away at them. On Monday, Steve Savua, Astoria took a 42 lb. cod. On Tuesday's trip, E. Marcus hoisted a 42 lber. Pool fish was a 47 lb. cod for Charlie Casella of Queens. On Wednesday Samuel Bobe grunted and decked a 55 lb. cod while Jim Comyns of Flushing hoisted a 40 lber. On Thursday's trip, Vern Flora of Jamaica strained and cranked and was rewarded with a big 55 lb. cod. A 50 lber. was the prize for James Bishop of NYC while George King

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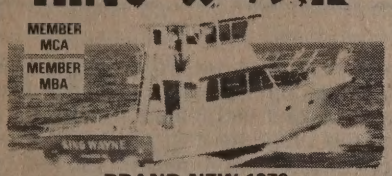
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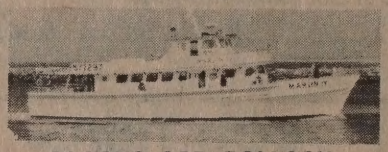

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made his rear springs sag with a 45 lb. cod. A 14 lb. pollack was also caught. Al says its all being done on wrecks, up to 60 fish a day and the best is yet to come.

Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** also was happy to report some jumbo cod caught this past week prior to the big weekend storm. During the week Charlie Ott scored with a 42 lb. cod. Fernando Bento took a 38 lb. cod while Steve Masterson was well satisfied with a 35 lber. On Wednesday, Terry Permutter of Staten Island won top honors with a 47 lb. and a 40 lb. cod. Brooklyn angler Malloy Holmes hoisted a 45 lb. cod as did Rick Verardo of Ossining, New York. Larry McCall of Capt. Ben's Fish Dock caught a 44 lb. cod. The skipper says once the weather settles down from this recent blow, the codfishing should resume in force again.

Captain Jimmy of the **Super Spray II** reports that up to the time of the storm codfishing was very good all week. Fish have been averaging 15-20 lbs. and the pool fish have been in the high 40s. Two to three fish per man has been normal with good experienced cod fishermen getting 6-7 fish. Clam bait over wrecks has been the ticket. Big blacks and blues and ling have been mixed in.

Captain Andy of the **Miss Freeport** had a fair pick of flounders in Swift and Long Creek on Wednesday on worms, both tides.

Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** called to say that starting Friday, November 27 he will begin sailing the "late" cod boat out of Woodcleft Canal, with a sailing time of 6AM daily. This is the day immediately after Thanksgiving.

The **Capt. Gary** called to say Wednesday's charter for the Grand Avenue Jr. High School of Baldwin led by teacher Ed Bradley had a fair catch of flounders at Merrick Bay, Swift Creek and Reynolds Channel. A 2 lber. took the pool for Umberto Italiano. High hook was Charles Kedman. This Sunday the boat will be sailing an open reservation trip for cod at 6:30AM.

Lou's Fishing Station reports the presence of striped bass Friday up to 38 lbs. off Lido in 40' of water. Flounders have been a pick in the bay all week. Fair to good blackfishing on green crabs at the bridges. The weekend, of course, was a washout.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook reports that on Wednesday, B.S. (before storm) Rich Keene of the shop trolled 2 bass of 32¼ lbs. and 26½ lbs. in 30' of water working south of Jones Inlet on umbrella rigs in the late morning. With Rich was pal Bob Smith. Also prior to the storm, the Tin Can Grounds have continued to yield catches of small bass and large bluefish on umbrellas. The area along the beaches and off Coney Island were also producing.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** called to say that bass fishing was good all week including Friday before the storm hit. Friday's charter trolled up 22 bass up to 14 lbs. on umbrellas, with fish averaging 8-10 lbs. The area between the channels produced best.

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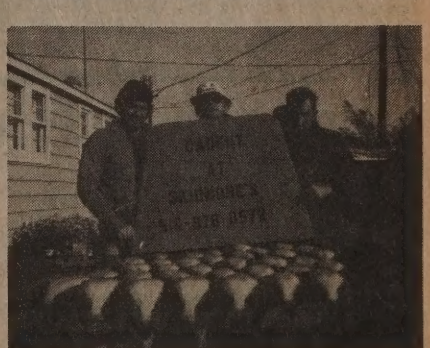

Richie and Sammy Leath and Joel Schwartz with a nice catch of big flounder from Hart's Cove. They used worms and mussel chum. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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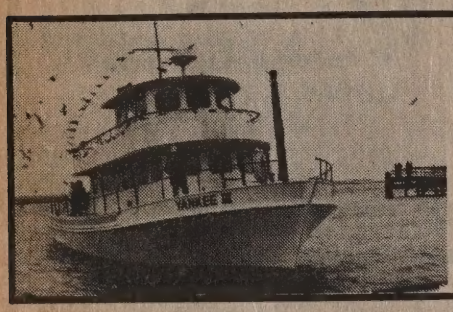

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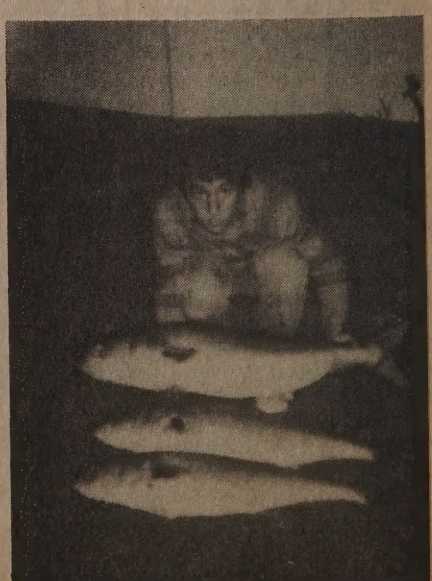
some nice flounder were caught this past week on the flats, fish to 1½ lbs. Best was the Hog Channel area flats and the Woodmere Bay flats. Worms work best on both tides but you had to fish around the high in order not to get hung up. Some blackfish on green crabs at the bridges. Schoolie bass on umbrellas at the Tin Can with a few bigger bass mixed in.

HOWARD BEACH

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle tells of some flounders still being caught through Friday off both bridges on worms and clam. Some small stripers also being taken on bait off both bridges, fish on the bottom.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Kevin of the **Dorothy B** tells us that since the blackfishing has been so fantastic off the Jersey rocks



Fourteen-year-old Jim Liquori took these 3 blues from 12 to 18 lbs. on the "Speedy VI" out of Captree.

and offshore wrecks, that he is going to continue blackfishing one more weekend. Blacks have been averaging 3 lbs. and the pool fish have been going 8-12 lbs. daily. The boat will be sailing a special cod trip November 28 and 29, leaving the dock at 5AM both days. He's been getting a couple of cod every trip while blackfishing, with these cod going up to 20 lbs.

Captain Tom of the **Elsie K III** will begin whiting fishing starting Saturday.

Neil at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** tells us that a good number of bass and blackfish have been taken through Friday. The Tin Can Grounds and the Coney Island flats off Steeplechase Pier has been the place to troll umbrellas and jig leadheads for schoolie bass, while the blackfishing has been best off New Jersey on green crabs. Fair to good flounder action in the bay prior to the storm with the waters off Plum Beach being particularly active.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santos Sport Shop** reports Penny Beach has been very good for small fat flounders on worms, as has Piers 12 and 17. South Beach, Ft. Wadsworth and Cliff Street have seen decent striper catches. Lots of short bass on sandworms off Penny Beach with an occasional 5-10 lber, being taken. Off Cliff Street bucktails and Rebels and Kastmasters are taking small bass up to 4 lbs. A 27 lb. striper fell to a Rebel at the Bogs at Great Neck Park. Boat fishermen working the area from West Bank to the Romer Shoals lighthouse are trolling big plugs and taking stripers up to 41½ lbs. The Highlands are being trolled as well. Also try buoy 7S at Flynn's Knoll.

North Shore Report

by Martin Garrell

NEW ROCHELLE

John Palmieri at **John's Gun & Tackle** said that blackfish action remained excellent in the deep water off Norwalk and the Stamford Reef. Fish in the 6-10 lb. class are still eating green crabs. Those who troll Execution Light can still find schoolie bass 3-10 lbs. and there seem to be plenty of 1/2 to 3/4 lb. flounder available locally.

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's** said there were still a few schoolie bass taken on daytime tides by anglers fishing bucktails, small plugs and worms. Blackfishing has dropped off in recent days, but flounder around 1/2 lb. can be found in Eastchester Bay and off Orchard Beach.

City Island Bait & Tackle spoke of a smattering of tomcod in the Lagoon and some flounder, 1/2 lb. stuff, around Hart's Island as well as the Lagoon. Worms are preferred flounder bait, and the shop will be open until mid-December.

Captain Dom of the **Apache** plans to sail through the last Sunday in November. Blackfish are slowing down now in numbers, but most of the fish are big cows taken in some 75'-85' of water. Fares tend to pick up 2-4 fish per man, but the sizes are large enough so most are satisfied. Despite the northeast gale on Sunday, the Apache hung through the incoming water off Norwalk near Buoy 24C. When the tide changed the boat found fish off Mamaroneck and the Connecticut shore as well.

GLEN COVE

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said there were lots of small bass close to the beach. A few fish were 6 lbs. or more. Ava's, bucktails and pork rind, or worms were advised with Matinecock and Peacock the places to try. Flounder fishing was steady with sand worms producing a few substantial fish to 1 lb. off Sea Cliff, Hempstead Harbor, Garvey's, Pryble Beach and DeSors Pond. Mike Young is now leading the sport shop's

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NORTHPORT

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** suggested trying the 5-6 lb. schoolies off Ashroken, Lloyd's and Eaton's with eelworms. Fishing is streaky, however. On Wednesday, 15 boats had 30 fish while on Thursday results were nil. The hot water off the Lilco power plant has a variety of small fish, including bass, jacks, mackerel, white perch, and blues. Small 1/4 oz. bucktails are good lures there. Plenty of flounder are around, but fish are disappointingly small in the harbors. Throwbacks are prevalent there; the Sound has larger fish.

KINGS PARK

Bob Koliner at **O.K. Bait & Tackle** said that flounder action in the river would produce a few 1 lb. fish among the 1/2 and 3/4 lb. flatties that are typical. Worms, clams, and mussels are all good, and chumming is a good idea. There also seem to be a few 4-5 lb. bass outside with no big fish.

PORT JEFFERSON

John Fisher told us that the **Aqua-Gem** was wrapping it up for the winter and will be back around the first week of April.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** has

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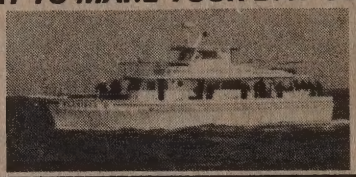

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now pulled his boats, but still sells bait and advice to those who can get out. Harbor flounder are plentiful, but Mt. Misery is a better idea for bigger flatties. Blackfish to 8 lbs. and more are still pleasing anglers off Miller Place. Lots of small bass to 6 lbs. have been jumping on umbrella rigs, Krokodile spoons, and Tony Acetta spoons with pork rind. Hank Mahnken had 54 bass two days ago on umbrellas off buoy 11 and Tom Lazzara pulled 23. Chris Kotsopis accounted for 36.

Dick Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods** liked Stony Brook, Port Jefferson and Mount Sinai Harbors for flounders, and said that the local schoolies were mostly 16'' fish up and down the beach.

North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

AQUEBOGUE

Ed Kopack expects to keep **Warren's Tackle Center** open through the winter on a daily basis. Kopack felt that the fishing at Horton's had dropped off after heavy action on schoolie bass and a few blues to 8 lbs. Creek fishing was a good idea for local flounder and Indian Island, Mattituck Inlet, and the Shinnecock Canal were all worth a try. Kopack is on his last 1/2 bushel of green crabs, but will have worms until month's end.

SOUTHOLD

Coe Harris at the **Southold Fishing Station** told us that Horton's went dead just before the gale on Saturday night. The bass there were all 3-5 lbs. with only an occasional teen. Harris is optimistic about action right through Thanksgiving.

The **Port of Egypt** had one boat working the nets off Petty's Bight to the tune of 35 flounder over 1½ lbs. on Friday. Drifting with worms, clams, or mussels was a good idea. The blackfish have retreated into 50' of water off Mulford and off the ramp in front of the Station. Some of the tautog are 7-8 lbs., but the action is not widespread. Southold Bay around the Southold Port of Egypt Station is ready for the coroner, the fishing is so dead. Port of Egypt will be renting boats through the 22nd of the month and will be open for tackle, gas, and clams from then on. Except for a period around Christmas, there will always be someone around the Station or on the premises.

GREENPORT

Art White at **A.P. White Bait Shop** told us that Saturday was pretty good for blackfish off Fisher's Island, but that Sunday was a washout. Nobody sailed on that day, and George Porter has called it quits on the **Brand X**, though White isn't sure about the **Peconic Star.** White himself expects

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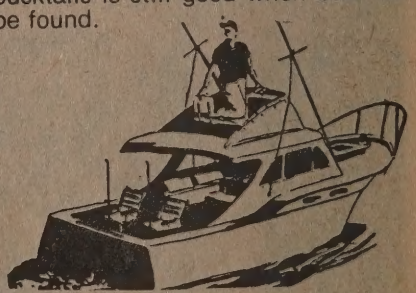

South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

PECONICS

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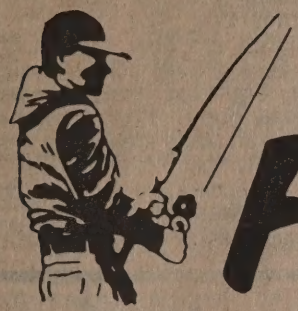

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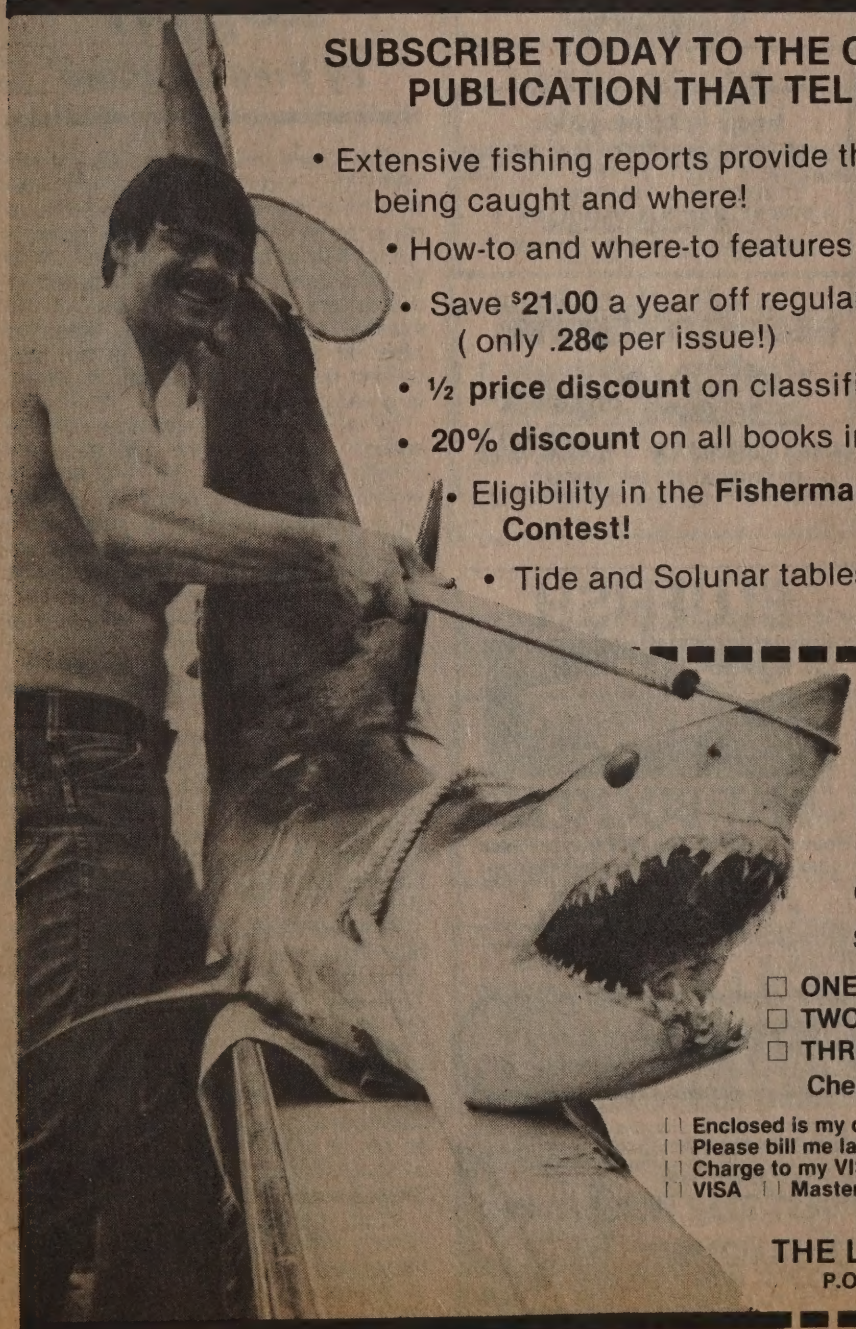

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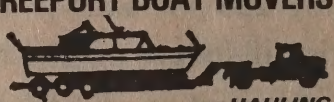

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SHINNECOCK

The Captain Clark II had good blackfishing on the ocean wreck trip Veterans Day. The first cod of the season on the boat was caught and took the pool for Brooklyn angler Emil Spatz. The boat fished Peconic Bay Saturday due to high winds offshore and picked away steadily at blackfish on two wrecks. More ocean wreck trips are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22. For info call 516-728-1709.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

This week will mark the end of the 1981 Surf Report column as information becomes virtually impossible to come by at this stage of the game. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have contributed to the column during the course of the season. As everyone knows, keeping tabs on the surf crowd is not the easiest task in the world and any help is greatly appreciated.

What does the remainder of the season hold in store for the surf crowd? Up until the weekend's vicious nor'easter, many of us had high expectations for a reasonable shot at fish through, or at least up until Thanksgiving. The big storm has reduced those hopes to a sliver, however. I know I will give the suds a few parting shots in the next two weeks but my efforts will be accompanied by more uncertainty than optimism.

Prior to all the wind, most surf activity was restricted to a few scattered areas. Horton's Point was enjoying a decent run of school bass with the hot lure being an Ava 27 jig fitted with a small tube. An occasional big chopper was mixed with the small stripers.

Montauk surrendered a handful of nice fish as late as Tuesday but nearly unfishable conditions here since Thursday night put an end to any further activity.

An earlier pick on bass and big blues between Cedar and Tobay Beach on the south shore was culminated by a 42 lb. striper taken on an eel at noon Friday. This area too was unfishable on the weekend due to the big heave and above normal tides.

Well, that about wraps it up on the fishing front. Until next spring, a happy and healthy holiday season to all those who answer the call of the surf!

NATIONAL SCENE:

(Continued from page 6.)

questioner that horses and small boat motors would continue to be allowed, Watt "frolickingly" responded that he "does not like to paddle and doesn't like to walk." Critics took this to mean that he doesn't like the outdoors, rather than simply an indication that he wasn't one of the extreme environmentalists who want to shut up most of our lands so tightly that only the birds will be able to enjoy them.

Watt was born and raised in Wyoming and, according to the release, "has fished for bass in Louisiana, salmon off the coast of the Pacific Northwest, flounder in the Chesapeake, marlin in the seas off American Samoa, and bottom fish in the Red Sea." He's also done a good bit of canoeing, snorkeling, water skiing, sailing, hiking, bicycling, trail biking, snowmobiling—and made some float trips.

As far as I'm concerned, the jury is still out on Secretary Watt. I pay no attention at all to the ramblings of the Sierra Club, an organization that sold its soul to the State Department in fighting against the 200-mile limit—a move that would have permitted continued decimation of our fisheries by rapacious foreign fleets. However, there are many legitimate conservationists who are troubled by various actions of the Secretary—and their fears cannot be dismissed lightly. On the other hand, Watt's action in regard to sport fishing access on the National Seashore beaches have been a breath of fresh air in an atmosphere poisoned by the negative attitude of the previous Secretary. Though I'm not a mobile sport fisherman myself, I know many of these anglers and have never met any group more concerned with the environment they treasure—or more willing to give of their time to ensure that it will remain pristine.

The attitude of Interior toward sport fishing may well be of great importance to saltwater anglers if the current rumor around Washington has any substance to it. The word is that the National Marine Fisheries Service will soon be dismembered, with its functions shifted into the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within Interior. That's where saltwater sport fishing was before a realignment occurred about a decade ago. In any case, Secretary Watt will continue to make enemies and friends at a rapid pace, and the news he engenders in doing so will make life a little more interesting for journalists!

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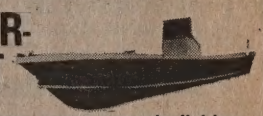

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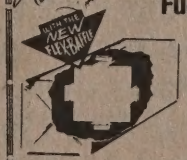

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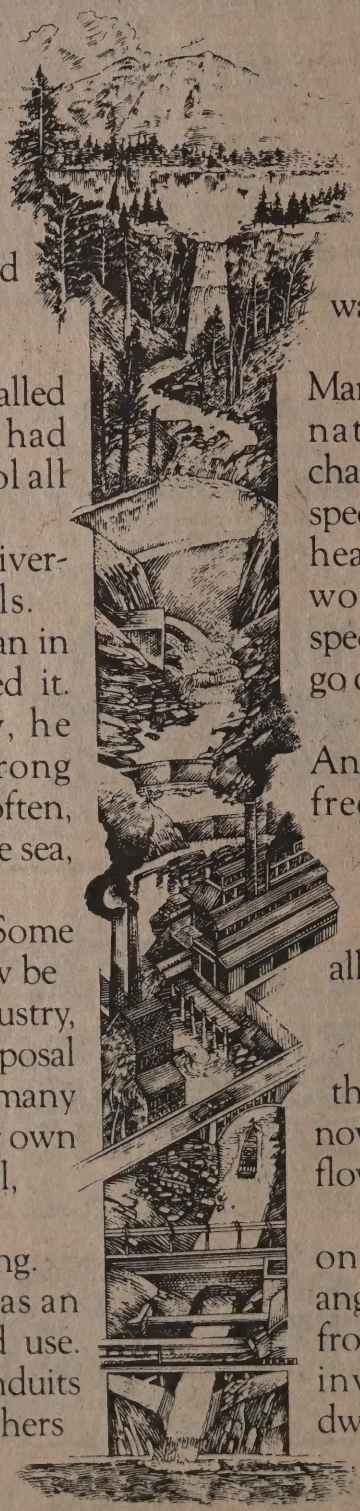

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SUN.	4:40	5:00	5:40	5:55	5:25	5:40	6:25	6:50	8:50	9:15	8:10	8:35	4:25	4:45	11/22
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TUE.	6:10	6:25	7:00	7:15	6:50	7:05	7:45	8:10	10:15	10:45	9:35	10:00	5:55	6:15	11/24
WED.	6:45	7:05	7:40	7:55	7:30	7:45	8:20	8:45	10:50	11:20	10:15	10:40	6:35	6:55	11/25
THUR.	7:25	7:40	8:15	8:30	8:05	8:25	8:50	9:20	11:25	11:55	10:50	11:15	7:15	7:35	11/26

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

11/20	6:55	4:35
11/21	6:57	4:35
11/22	6:58	4:34
11/23	6:59	4:34
11/24	7:01	4:33
11/25	7:02	4:32
11/26	7:03	4:32

Moonrise/Moonset

11/20	12:48AM	2:03PM
11/21	1:49AM	2:31PM
11/22	2:48AM	2:57PM
11/23	3:47AM	3:23PM
11/24	4:45AM	3:51PM
11/25	5:44AM	4:21PM
11/26	6:41AM	4:54PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
11/26	11/5	11/11	11/18

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:45	5:35	—	6:00
Fri.	12:15	6:15	12:25	6:40
Sat.	12:55	7:00	1:10	7:20
Sun.	1:35	7:35	1:45	8:00
Mon.	2:15	8:15	2:25	8:35
Tues.	2:50	8:55	3:05	9:15
Wed.	3:30	9:35	3:45	9:55
Thurs.	4:10	10:15	4:25	10:40

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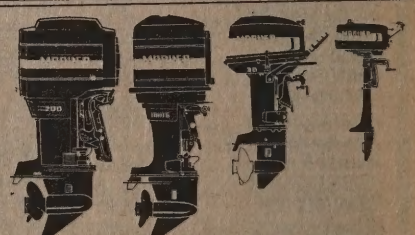

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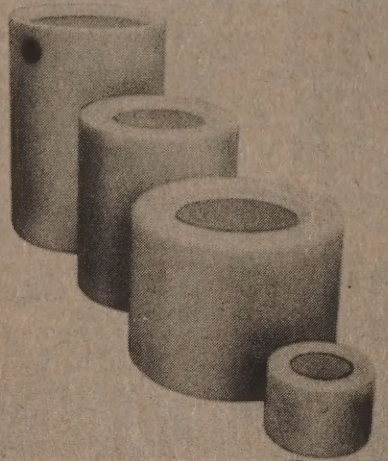

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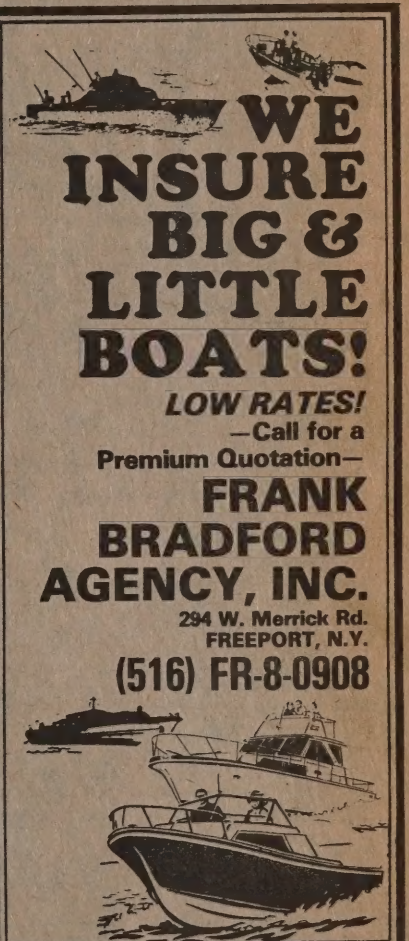

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